

Duggan, Eddy, Gray, Grimes, Hill, Merriman, Meusebach, Parker, Reaves, Scott, Sterne, Taylor, Truit, Williams and Wilson, 20. Lost.

Mr. Kinney moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "and no more," at the end of the bill ; adopted.

Mr. Wilson moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday morning 10 o'clock ; lost.

Mr. Parker moved to lay the bill on the table ; lost.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, the Senate adjourned until half past 9 o'clock Monday morning.

MONDAY, December 15, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President pursuant to adjournment—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Burleson presented the memorial of Thomas F. McKinney ; read, and referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Williams presented the petition of William Ford, and of the heirs of James W. Taylor ; referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Taylor, chairman of the committee on Private Land Claims, reported back joint resolution for the relief of James Pratt Plummer, with the following amendment, and recommended its passage :

Amend by striking out "one third of a league," and inserting "320 acres."

Mr. Parker, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, to which was referred the petition of Norman Hurd, reported the same back, and recommended that it be referred to the committee on Public Debt.

Mr. Parker, from the same committee, reported back a bill for the relief of Edward H. Tarrant, and recommended its passage.

Mr. Sterne, chairman of the committee on the Penitentiary, to which was referred the resolution of the Senate, instructing them to enquire of so amending the act to establish a State Penitentiary as to make it the duty of clerks of district courts to notify the superintendent whenever any person shall be sentenced to the Penitentiary by the court of his county ; and to require the superintendent, upon such notice, to send a sufficient number of his guards, with the means necessary for securing such convict or convicts and conducting them to the Penitenti-

ary, reported that it would be improper to amend the law as contemplated by said resolution.

Mr. Williams introduced a bill supplementary to an act to authorize the commissioner of the General Land Office to issue patents on certificates issued by the board of land commissioners of Robertson county, approved 5th February, 1850; read first time.

Mr. Scott introduced a bill to prohibit plaintiffs in suits brought for trespass to try titles from recovering rents in certain cases; read first time.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill confirming the action of the Auditor and Comptroller, under the provisions of an act of the Legislature to provide for ascertaining the debt of the late Republic of Texas, &c.; read and ordered to be engrossed.

The Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to a bill to provide for the reception and deposit of a portion of the indemnity due the State of Texas by the United States.

A bill providing for the liquidation and payment of the debt of the late Republic of Texas; read;

Mr. Gray offered a substitute for the bill.

Mr. Wilson moved to refer the bill and substitute to a select committee.

Mr. Taylor moved to postpone the bill and substitute until tomorrow; lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Bigelow, Davis, Gray, Hart, Kinney, Merri-  
man, Scott, Taylor and Williams—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Bogart, Burks, Burleson, Doane, Duggan,  
Eddy, Grimes, Hill, Meusebach, Parker, Reaves, Sterne, Truit  
and Wilson—14.

The question was then taken upon Mr. Wilson's motion to refer to a select committee; lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Bigelow, Davis, Doane, Duggan, Gray, Kin-  
ney, Merriman, Meusebach, Sterne and Wilson—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Bogart, Burks, Burleson, Eddy, Grimes, Hart,  
Hill, Parker, Reaves, Scott, Taylor, Truit and Williams—13.

Mr. Davis moved to adjourn until 3 o'clock p. m.; lost.

On motion of Mr. Bigelow, the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock p. m.

3 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Senate met—roll called—quorum present.

A bill providing for the liquidation and payment of the debt of the late Republic of Texas, being under consideration when the Senate adjourned, was taken up.

Mr. Scott offered the following amendment to the substitute offered by Mr. Gray, to come in at the end of the fourth section:

" Provided, that nothing in this bill shall be so construed as to make an appropriation for claims which have not been scaled by the auditorial board appointed for that purpose by an act approved 20th March, 1848.

On motion of Mr. Burks, the bill was postponed until to-morrow.

A message was received from the House, informing the Senate that the House had adopted the report of the committee of conference on a bill to amend an act regulating the public printing, approved March 8, 1848.

The resolution of the Senate requiring the committee on State Affairs, to inquire into the propriety of the passage of a law fixing the salaries of all officers of the State not otherwise provided for, and report by bill or otherwise, was read and adopted.

The following bills from the House, were severally read a first time, to wit :

A bill to amend an act providing for the transfer of records of administrators to new counties, passed May 13, 1846 ;

A bill to permit Fitz William Bonner to practise law ;

A bill to incorporate the city of San Antonio ;

A bill for the relief of William H. Parker ;

A bill to authorize the Auditor to settle the accounts of William G. Cooke, as late Quarter Master General ;

A bill granting and securing 640 acres of land to the heirs of George W. Crowls, deceased, to which they are entitled by virtue of the services and death of said George W. Crowls, in the army of the Republic of Texas ;

A bill to charter the Bastrop Academy ;

A bill to incorporate the Attoyac turnpike company ;

A bill for the relief of Luther M. T. Plummer ;

A bill to re-incorporate the town of Huntsville, and,

A bill to prescribe the time of holding the courts in the second judicial district of the State of Texas.

Mr. Reaves, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported a bill for the relief of the heirs of Jonathan Wallace, deceased, and

A bill for the relief of Peter Murphy, his legal heirs or assigns, correctly engrossed.

A bill better defining the boundaries of Denton county ; read, and, on motion of Mr. Hill, re-committed to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill for the relief of the securities of John W. McKissick,

late assessor and collector of Fayette county; read third time and passed.

A bill for the relief of Peter Murphy, his legal heirs or assigns. Mr. Taylor moved to lay the bill on the table; lost.

On motion of Mr. Eddy, the bill was postponed until tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Williams, a bill validating certain certificates therein mentioned, was taken up and passed to a third reading.

A bill for the relief of the heirs of Jonathan Wallace, deceased; read third time and passed.

A bill to authorize the commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent in the name of William McMin Nuner, on certificate No. 508; read and passed to third reading.

The report of the committee on Private Land Claims, recommending that a bill for the relief of Christopher Troutz be referred to the committee on Finance, was read and adopted.

The resolution of the Senate requesting the committee on Public Lands, to take under consideration the propriety of the passage of some law requiring surveys to be made on files upon land within a given time, was read and adopted.

Joint resolution fixing the time at which the fourth session of the Legislature shall adjourn; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Hill, laid on the table.

A bill to authorize Silas M. Grace to adopt John Cotton, Elizabeth Cotton and Thomas Cotton, as his lawful heirs; read second time, and, on motion of Mr. Wilson laid, on the table.

The report of the select committee, to which was referred a bill to incorporate the town of Clarksville, offering a substitute therefor, was read, substitute adopted, and bill passed to third reading.

A bill providing for taking the depositions of witnesses residing in the county where such depositions are to be used in evidence, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering amendments thereto, was read, amendments adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill concerning the qualifications of officers, together with the report of the committee on the Judiciary, offering an amendment thereto, was read and adopted, and bill passed to third reading.

A bill to enable part owners of slaves and other personal property to obtain partition thereof; read and passed to third reading.

Mr. Kinney presented the petition of James H. Neely ; referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Duggan, chairman of the committee on Enrolled Bills, made the following report :

The committee on Enrolled Bills beg leave to report the following bills correctly enrolled, to wit :

An act for the benefit of W. W. Wooten, assignee of David Lloyd ;

An act to authorize David Hill to construct a bridge across Sabine River ;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Edward B. Wood ;

An act for the relief of the heirs of George Hamilion, dec'd ;

An act for the relief of James M. Day ;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Sally Owens, deceased ;

An act for the relief of the heirs of Hayden Arnold, deceased ;

An act for the relief of Casimiro Garcia ;

An act for the relief of William Gibbs, deceased ;

An act for the relief of William M. Cristy ;

An act concerning estates of deceased soldiers ;

An act to amend an act to incorporate Austin College ;

An act to amend the estray law, approved February 8, 1850 ;

An act changing the name of the county seat of Bell county ;

An act to require the commissioners of the town of Paris, in Lamar county, to turn over to the county court of said county all monies, notes, deeds and other documents in their possession.

And that they have this day been deposited with the Governor for his signature.

A bill to render valid and effectual to legal claimants patents for land which have been issued or which may hereafter be issued in the names of deceased persons ; read and passed to third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hill, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, December 16, 1851.

The Senate was called to order by the President, pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Rev. Mr. Baggerly—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Meusebach presented the petition of sundry citizens of Comal county, praying the passage of a law authorizing the le-